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Constantine succeeds

Maximian is rival emperor

Mon / Apr 307

Severus II was forced to abdicate

Salinus made the Caesar SEVERUS into Augustus. He proceeded to Italy to attack Maxentius. He was deserted by his soldiers and was slain at Ravenna.

Salinus then appointed Licinius Co-regent and Augustus.

Constantine assumed the same title.

307 AD

GALERIUS, MAXIMINUS II,
CONSTANTINUS I, LICINIUS, MAXENTIUS
were emperors

307-337

Constantine I was emperor

Lucius Firmianus Lactantius
expounded Christianity eloquently
in DIVINAE INSTITUTIONES

April 307

Maxentius proclaimed himself Augustus in Apr. 307 with control over not only most of Italy but also Sicily, Corsica and Sardinia, and the wealthy provinces of North Africa.

He sent a purple robe to his father Maximian inviting him to come out of retirement, to come to his aid, and assume the rank of emperor. In the

2nd time. Eager for action Maximian joined his son. They made an alliance with Constantine, who henceforth was recognized as Augustus throughout his own and Maxentius's territories.

Constantine becomes Augustus
Pontifex Maximus, Pater Patriae
& Proconsul.

His 1st wife was MINERVINA

His 2nd wife was FAUSTA

Children: son by Minervina - Gaius Florius

Julius CRISPUS

3 sons by Fausta: Florius Claudius

Constantinus (Constantine II)

(B) Flavius Julius Constantinus (Constantine II)
and

(C) Flavius Julius Constantinus

2 daughters by Fausta

(A) Constantia

(B) Helena

Constantine became emperor in the west

Maximian became rival emperor

307-308

Maximian was again emperor

To help himself face the growing Chaos,
the aging Salerus appointed a new
Augustus - FLAVIUS LICINIUS.

Vpm hearing this Constantine
assumed a like dignity.

Constantine was Consul 1

Consul 2 - 312

Consul 3 - 313

Consul 4 - 315

Consul 5 - 319

Consul 6 - 320

Consul 7 - 326

Consul 8 - 329

Severus was deserted by his
troops and put to death

307-309

Marcellus I, Bishop of Rome

307-310

DURANT

LACTANTIUS's "Divine Institutions"

307

Maxentius and Maximian, Augusti
Basilica of Maxentius

307-313

constantine and Licinius, Auguste

16 Sept 307

Salernus instructed Severus II to crush Maxentius who had too few troops to risk a decisive battle. Severus II arrived before the walls at Rome, but there his army deserted him, seduced by Maxentius' bribes. Severus II himself fled to RAVENNA but was captured, forced to abdicate, and killed, at TRES + ABERNAE, near Rome, on 16 Sept 307

16 Sept 307

Severus I was murdered or
committed suicide near Rome.

Sept 30 7

Determined not to accept Maxentius as legitimate emperor, Galerius himself invaded Italy that same month. His troops likewise proved unreliable in the face of Maxentius' bribes, and only with difficulty did he extricate himself from Italy. Maxentius' position was strengthened and also by the marriage of his sister Fausta to Constantine.

Revolt of Maxentius and Maximian
who are both proclaimed
Augusti; Death of Severus.
They also proclaim Constantine
Augustus.

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Maximian resumes title of
Augustus. His daughter
Fausta marries Constantine I